According to custom-though not merely as a matter of usage, for we throw some soul into the act-we offer our renders the compliments of the season, A HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our readers, however, make but a small fraction of those whom we would include in our aspiration, for we wish a happy beginning and a safe ending of this new year that to-day has ushered in, to the great mass and body of the nation, not one tithe of which can as yet understand a word of this language that we write. And as before another New Year's Day ship owner's interest was not affected by the operation. comes round this vehicle of communication may be numbered among the things that have been, we will set forth briefly the character of some of those beatitudes which we invoke, and which all have be this: the captain arrives here, and having neither an interest in that simple phrase, " A happy new

May as bountiful a share of the good things of this world as even Princes dare to expect-" blessings in mind, body and estate"-be the lot of the King and all the Royal Family.

May the Privy Council and the House of Nables (especially the latter) be augmented in numbers and wisdom; and as without an infringement of the Constitution the House of Representatives cannot become more numerous, may it at least improve in wisdom, and in that sign of wisdom, taci-

May the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts maintain the character they long since acquired of being possessed of patience, learning and, metaphorically, a single eye; and may dissensions among the people so decrease that the inferior Judges, finding their time less occupied in deciding law in their courts, may have a little leisure to study it out of them.

May the Giant English Language, like a belted Knight, triumph over that meaner tongue which infests this country, and may the President of the Board of Education act as its Esquire and follow

the Orientals) here find his occupation gone. ours converted into the Isles of the Immortals, may he no longer be engaged in works of supererogation, and in his place may a learned physician and a gentle nurse hover about the sick Hawaiian's bed-not in a damp and musty hovel, but in a fair and well provided hospital, with light and air, and all appliances to boot.

May the Virgin Soil (as they say at agricultural meetings) be wedded to the plough, and prove a fruitful mother. And (this is our own) may those bastard productions which answer to the names of Kikania, Hauoi and Wild Indigo, be banished from voice and proof to the insinuation which floats like a near the dwellings of men, like Ishmael the son of the work of every man's hand.

hills till the moment arrives for him to come down upon the fold, like the Assyrian wolf; may steam- than it does about heaven. ers bring our distant places together; may our whaleships be cumbered with the spoil of the ocean; may our cups be filled with wine, not " made," but manufactured, here, and, last not least, may Mr. Harding be gifted to build us a bridge or two that will not give way at the very moment when they are most wanted.

Although an unusually large amount of ship carpentering and repairing has been going on in port during the past few months, we have noticed a change for the better in the efforts of captains to reduce the expenses of their ships while in port. These are always heavy, but the amount depends in some degree on the disposition of a shipmaster. There has been less inclination among them to demonstrate the length and beft of their purses, as well as to make a show with last have. and helf of their purses, as well as to make a show with last horses. This change has been brought about partly by having agonts for vessels here, and in part, perhaps, by the mode of sending out captains via the Istimus to supersede those in charge. In many cases this has a good effect, though in some it seems hard to deprive a muster of his berth on vague reports. The general effect of this new plan is, however, an questionably good."-[Pac. Com. Advertiser.

23d ultimo. It is another of those singular misrepresentations of truth which have made that journal, with all its fair outside and varied attractions, so totally unreliable and rotten as to have become a by-word in its own place and among its own community. It is said to be one of the direst curses with which retributive justice avenges the violation of truth, that the habitual transgressor finally believes in his own lie; still we are loth to think that the Advertiser believes its against the shipmasters as a class, and under the very own statements, as a general thing, and in this partic- eyes of their own agents, in a place too, whose mani-

is no mean proficient, know well-and act up to their knowledge-that a gimlet lie, a tortuous insinuation, a qualified negation, or a reserved approval, seldom fail of going farther, wounding deeper and sticking closer to the object attacked than a direct falsehood which seidom hits the mark, it is so blunt, so coarse, so easily detected and refuted.

How far the Advertiser has acted upon this rule we will now investigate.

It says: "We have noticed a change for the better in the efforts of captains to reduce the expenses of their ships while in port. These are always heavy, but the amount depends in some degree on the disposition of a ship-master." This change, as well as the "less inclination" for dissipation among the captains, is attributed " partly to having agents for vessels here, and in part, perhaps, by the mode of sending out captains via the Isthmus to supersede those in charge."

found to contain grave accusations as unfounded as they are injurious, assertions based upon exceptional cases, but to which the general experience of the whaling fleet runs counter, and the endorsement of admitted individual wrong in furtherance of a plan that works upon shipmasters as a class, we might also claim the privi-

Five or six years ago some ship owners in New Bedfrom three to four agents, representing different firms to that effect so far as occasionally to incur the imputasay, that formerly a ship captain when he left home, the guillotine "via the isthmus," can not but have a demoralising effect on the esprit du corps of the shipentrusted with a valuable ship and the prosecution of a masters, and loss of self-respect individually.

long and dangerous voyage, felt his self-respect and consequent responsibility raised within him; he knew that his own interest, reputation and promotion depended essentially upon the manner in which he attended to that of his owners; and when he arrived here, for instance, he made his own bargains with the ship chandlers of the place, and knowing best what his ship wanted and the least she could go out of port with, kept his hills down to the lowest notch. The ship chandlers again, supplied their goods at cash prices, without charging either captains or owners for accommodations furnished, temporary money advanced, or commission on business done. And when they negotiated a bill for a captain, they received their commission from the buyer of the bill and not from the drawer, and thus the Under the new plan of appointing agents to do the business and assume the responsibility, which the captains formerly did and assumed, the working is or will interest nor responsibility in the transactions done by other hands, naturally feels but little inclination to shave the market or stint himself or the ship in her recruits, repairs or general outfit, and consequently asks freely for many things which he otherwise might have contrived to do without; while the agent, with even the best will to study the interest of the ship owner and conomize expenses, is obliged to take the captain's word for what the ship wants, and thus really does not mend the matter much, so far as the owner is concerned, while the latter has to pay the agent a commission of from 2½ to 5 per cent on whatever business he may transact for the ship-an additional expense which did not exist under the old system. That the pian of "having agents for vessels here" has really benefitted the owners at home to any perceptible degree, is a question which we do not believe in, and which we think even they are beginning to be skeptical about; but that it does not, and in the nature of things will not, promote the morale of the whaling fleet, or tend to elevate the character or increase the ability of the captains or their nearest officers, we are as confident as a full knowledge of cause and effect can make a person.

We hope we shall not be misunderstood or be obliged to repeat, that it is the system of agencies we object to and not the incumbents.

The Advertiser says: "There has been less inclination among them (the captains) to demonstrate the length May Azrael, the Angel of Death, whose wing and heft of their purses as well as to make a show with throws that unmistakable shade upon the features fast horses." What public or private good that jourof the dying (according to the poetical belief of nal proposed to itself by the above expression of spleen Or or malice, it is difficult to conceive. Perhaps it was rather, since that would be wishing this home of not intended for this latitude and longitude, but only to take effect in the far off homes of those on whom, as a class, the imputation of dissipation is thus recklessly thrown. Either the Advertiser assumes that amusements are as incompatible with the character of a ship captain as with that of a Methodist deacon, or it must show that the inclination to and enjoyment of amusements here, have, as a general thing, interfered with the business of the captains, retarded their voyages and ncreased the expenses of the owners. If it is "the ength and heft of their (own) purses" that they make a show of, can not the Advertiser perceive the impertinence of its remarks?-unless it is prepared to give pestilential miasma over every line, real yet impalpathe bendwoman, and may every mun's hand be ble, deadly yet intangible, that the disposition of the against them as they have hitherto been against ship masters to incur greater expenses in former years stood in some undefined though embarrassing relation In fine, may our ports and harbors bristle with to their inclination for lavish pleasures and "fast hormasts, and our fields be heavy with cane and corn; ses." To see that journal sneer at the amusements of may our herds fear no new drought, nor our flocks | the ship masters while in port, one might think that it the pinched up, hungry dog that sneaks among the had dropped down blindfolded from No. 124 Nassau street, New York, and knew no more about Honolulu

indicate the business abilities and personal characters of a class of men, who should have deserved better at the hands of the Advertiser, had it in this, as in so many other instances, known a word of what it was writing about. No sooner have their patronage and special favors enabled it to sit square in its seat and aspire to "extend the area of" printing by underbidding its compeers, than it kicks away the ladder by "Although an unusually large amount of ship carpentering which it mounted and treats its former patrons as untrusty business men and dissipated persons whom it has required the special institution of "Agents" to drill into economical habits and tame down to the proprieties of civilized life.

We did not expect to and ourselves called upon to

We have nor time nor space to argue the necessity of prehend that fact. Six, eight, or ten months at sea midst snow and ice and storms imperatively demand reaction and relaxation, and to deny or quarrel with We copy the above from the P. C. Advertiser of the this demand can have but one of three results : either to drive the whalers away from such a forbidding and ugubrious community, or urge them on to excesses, or ake them precious hypocrites and eye-servants.

We would ask the Advertiser what idea the owners in New Bedford, New London, Nantucket, etc., are likely to make to themselves from the paragraph we have quoted at the top of this article? How are they likely construe the demonstration of purses and exhibition of fast horses? Instead of looking upon them as editorial exaggerations or exceptional cases, are they not likely to think that if such things can be confessed fest interest it is to bear with their extravagance and cover up their short comings, if any there be, then The school of Journalists, in which our cotemporary | surely the worst by far has not been told. And, in order to avenge their misplaced confidence and protect their interests, they will act on the Advertiser's "vague reports' and set the new-fangled guillotine to worksending out captains via the Isthmus to supersede those in charge''-at a rate and for causes that would have astonished the Coffins and the Folgers, the Rotches, the Rodmans and the Howlands of thirty years ago.

The Advertiser's notice of " a change for the better' is one of those silly little attempts to appear important and consequential, whose very littleness saves them from observation or rebuke here, but which five thousand miles away assume proportions the author little dreamt of and grow into mischievous weather-breeders terminating with social storms, individual wrong, and a general effect" that is "unquestionably" bad.

We have only taken up what meets the eye directly in the above quotation from the Advertiser, but we have not room this time to expose the inferences which lie latent in every line almost, like poison 'neath the serpent's tooth. When next that journal feels a "disposition" to meddle with the characters of other people, it is kindly requested not to "demonstrate" the shorts and shallows of its own, to improve its logic and produce the figures and facts to show that the expenses of If we take the kinks out of these sentences, they will be the general whaling fleet were unnecessarily greater in former years, owing to the want of "efforts of captains to reduce" them, than they have been this

The Advertiser having thus freely and, as we believe, uncalled for, given its opinion upon the past, present and future transactions and character of the whaling lege of bearing witness in Court in behalf of the traduced. And after nearly thirty years' personal ac-Five or six years ago some ship owners in New Bed-ford and New London, thought that the expenses of to record our conviction that, with even a fewer numtheir ships in Honolulu were too great, and that by ber of exceptional cases of incapacity and extravagance sending out stores and supplies and appointing an their sagmious, honest and economical management Agent here to do the business of their ships, they might abroad are chiefly owing the princely fortunes, the mareconomize, not only in the price of the goods, but also ble palaces, the rising cities, which stud the North in the amount of drafts bearing a heavy rate of exchange. Accordingly, we have had at various times and endeavored to deserve it, even carrying their study in New Bedford and New London. But to understand tion of stinginess and meanness; that the "purses" with whose "length and heft" the Advestiser seems the working of this new system, it is necessary to un- disposed to find-fault, were their own-hard earned and derstand the working of the old. We would therefore richly merited, and that the new system of agencies and

THE PAST WEEK

Blue Laws --- a Revised Edition. The community of Honolulu has been half amused and half approved to see that the spirit of Eyes-out Sabbatarianism is still active in the House of Representatives. Everybody has a right to enjoy his own opinions, but betwirt that and enforcing opinions upon

others there is a wide gulf fixed. If Mr. Chamberlain, the member for Nawiliwili believes in the strict observance of the sabbath, he has a most perfect right to believe in it. If he prefers a cold dinner on Sunday, he has the leave of everybody to have his dinner cooked on Saturday, and kept in the pantry till called for. If he does not so much mind cooking in his own house on Sundays, as allowing meats and vegetables to be sold in the market, nobody will deny him the right to eat tainted beef, bought the day before, and vapid regetables to his sunday's dinner. But if others, on the other hand, believe that the Creator who neither stops our appetites on the sabbath day, nor feeds us with manna, intended us not only to eat, but to eat wholesome food, every day of the week, yet do not believe that tainted meats are properly called wholesome. why, my dear sir, in the name of common sense and mmon parity, accord to them those privileges, or rather those inalienable rights, which they leave to you. There are many men, even in this easy-going country, who say truly that Sunday is the only day in which they can take a little bit of comfort with their families. After working all the week to supply the mouths that their labor feeds, it does not seem to be asking too much for them that they shall have one comfortable quiet day in seven to realize the results of their toil, and to spread their table with such creature comforts as cheer the heart and attune the whole man to be contented with that state of life into which it has pleased God to call him. But leaving every more ethereal and doctrinal consideration on one side, it becomes legislator to study the simple physical wellbeing of those who invest him with power. He must not force upon them the alternative of a compulsory fast, or, hat is about as bad, a table spread with fare which has already become distasteful to the palate and divested of those qualities that counteract the process of exhaustion and waste which is as constantly the result of moving and breathing, as an expenditure of coals is the cost at which a blac smith keeps his furnace going. Did we live in arctic latitudes we might be able to keep our frozen bear's meat over a month of Sundays and get rid of the didiculty, even if markets were in ogue there. But in these tropical climates butcher's meat wont keep, for decomposition tarries not, and flies will blow, and that is the long and short of it, Mr.

Christmas Tree.

Christmas Eve was worthily observed in Honolulu by a party at Mrs. Dominis' residence which drew together such a crowd of company that no second house could have opened its doors successfully. The Christmas Tree " was beautiful in its decoration and beautifully covered with fruit such as no other tree can bear, that bent its branches to the ground. After the inveniles began to retire dancing commenced and when it ended is hard to say. The evening was a happy one to every body present, and the hospitality un-

Native Wine.

We are glad to hear that a gentleman in Lahaina, whose experience is more extended than that of most of those who have tried the experiment of making wine with a view to testing the probabilities of success, has produced an article very much superior to any previous specimens. We have not tasted it, but it is said to be a pure and pleasant beverage-so pleasant that our inket it would be used in preference to any of the wines ordinarily imported, or rather ordinarily sold. We further hear that the gentleman in question is so well satisfied as to the quality of the wine he can manufacture that he is intending to go into the business should he succeed in procuring a spot of land with the qualifications that he desires, and that such a place is likely to be offered to him on very advantageous terms by order of his Majesty, who wishes in this, as in other movements that promise to benefit the public, to give a proof of the interest he takes in such enterprises.

Catching a Tartar.

On Tuesday last as Mr. A. Auld of Honolulu, having been on a visit to Kalini, was walking back home a native boy on horseback overtook him on the road and offered to give him a ride into town. The road being very muddy and heavy by the late rains, Mr. Auld accepted the offer and agreed to give the boy \$1 25 and let him ride behind. The parties being seated and under way the boy contrived to pick the pockets of Mr. Auld of two gold pieces (\$8). Mr. Auld being conscious of the robbery at the time but not wishing to spoil his ride until he arrived in town, rode on quite unconcerned until they came abreast of the station house when he halted and gave the bey in charge to the police. When the case came up before the Magistrate he gave this modern Dick Turpin 60 days hard labor for his trouble.

Breaking Jail.

On Thursday night the lock-up in the rear of the Station House was again broken open and four of the men belonging to the whaleship Maria Theresa, im- seeing that it is inconvenient to observe a Thanksgiving prisoned for refusing duty, made their escape. This ime the floor was sawed through and the escape effected through some of the air holes of the underpinning of the building. One of the men has since been caught, There were at the time eight men in the cell, but four say that they did not wish to get out in that way.

Punahon College. From The Friend we learn that President Beckwith, in consequence of protracted indisposition of his wife," intends to resign his situation as President of the Oahu College and return to a temperate climate. As a teacher, few men possess the same talent as Mr. Beckwith, and should be leave, the Trustees will find no small difficulty in replacing him.

Royal Hawaiian Theatre.

On Saturday evening last Miss Caroline Ince took a Benefit at the above Theatre, under the patronage of Captain Montresor and the officers of H. B. M.'s Ship Calupso, before a crowded and highly respectable audience. The piece produced was the celebrated play of of the year are to the greater part of them a holiday "Rob Roy," the principal characters of which were in extenso. During that period (commonly and approwell sustained by Miss Annette Ince as Flora McIvor, printely styled the "dull season") they comprehend Mr. Tokely as Rob Roy, Mr. Wallack as Dougal, and the full meaning of the poet's lines (if they ever read Mr. Beatty as Bailie Nicol Jarvie. The latter gentle. them) where he saysman had a difficult character to personify, which he sustained with great credit to himself, and which materially added to the success of the piece. Mr. Wallack's Highland Fling was admirable, and received

This Saturday evening Mr. Tokely will take a comlimentary benefit, on which occasion will be produced Shakespeare's celebrated Tragedy of "Macbeth." With such a caste of characters as Lady Mucbeth by Miss Annette Ince., Macbeth by Mr. Tokely, Macduff by Mr. Beatty, Banquo by Mr. Wallack, and Malcolm by Mr. Townsend, the play-going people of Honolulu may anticipate a treat. Mr. Tokely, who justly deserves the Benefit tendered him, was the first theatrical pioneer on the Island, and from his well known dramatic abilities, we have no doubt the house will be a very crowded one. As a proof of his determination to have everything conducted on the above occasion in the European and American style, he has solicited the towards the end of December. *assistance of four gentlemen of this city, who have consented to act as ushers in the boxes.

The whole of the music for the above piece has undergone a thorough rehearsal, and from the vocal abilities of Miss Caroline Ince, and the instrumental talent of Mr. Pickering, assisted by about twenty others, we may confidently expect a success.

California Minstrels.

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATURE. ADJOURNED SESSION 1858.

House of Nobles. The House of Nobles have transacted no public business since

House of Representatives. he House, in Committee of the Whole, took up the

DEC. 24, SEVENTHENTH DAT .- There being no other business ORDER OF THE DAY. Which was the consideration of the majority and minority re-ports of the select committee on the shipment and discharge of

iate upon. If, as had been stated, the American Consul intended to enforce the laws of the U.S. in regard to the shipment of sean, any laws we might make on this subject would become a Mr. Robertson thought the state in which the Joint Commi

had left this matter would be found the best. He agreed that it was a difficult matter, and the less the law interfered with the contracts between private parties the better. The Court of Adniralty was the proper and competent tribunal to settle all disites between seamen and masters. He thought, moreover, that he provision recommended by the Committee (the majority) in egard to the breaking out of cargo in order to gauge the oil, in ase of dispute, would be found extremely vexatious and injuri table, which was agreed to; he then moved to lay the minority report on the table. Supported by Mr. Austin. Opposed by Messrs, Kalama, Kaumaea, Kahai and Kaunwas-

ax, who moved to adopt the sections reported by the minority ith the amendment that the prices at which native seamen aid off be such as prescribed by foreign consuls. The other visions are more objectionable than those reported by the

The motion to table was carried, and the section as reported y the Joint Committee was passed. The House then took up Sections 280 to 319, "Of the Public Health." Sec. 251 provides that no loreigner shall practice medi-cine without a certificate from the Board of Health, under a pen alty of \$100 fine. The other sections consist of provisions to the abating of nuisances, the prevention of infectious diseases quarantine and burial ground rules, etc., including the present laws upon the subject of the public health. Passed, when the ittee rose and the House adjourned

DEC. 25, ENGREENTH DAY .- After reading the Minutes, and prayer by the Chaplain, the House, on motion of Mr. Kalama adjourned over to Monday out of respect for Christmas. DEC. 27. NINETCENTH DAY .- Mr. Kalama, from the Select Com mittee on Sections 207 and 208, reported in favor of incorporating those sections in that part of the Civil Code relating to the

ORDER OF THE DAY. The House went into Committee on the Civil Code. Sec. 320, Of Inquests," passed without amendment. The sections referring to the Fire Department were postponed

s 357 to 361, " Of the Storing and safe keeping of Gunpowder," passed. weer, passed. Sections 362 to 374, "Of Wrecks and Shipwrecked Goods,"-In regard to the salvage of vessels and property wrecked on the

for carriages and vehicles on roads and bridges.

Sections 380 to 385, " Of Weights and Measures." All weights and measures to be inspected and scaled by an officer appointed by the Minister of the Interior; the standard to be the same as hat now in use in the U. S. sections 286 to 388, "Of the Government Fishing Grounds." Provides that they shall be free forever to the people, but that the Minister of the Interior may tabu the same for a time when-

er in his discretion it may be necessary for the preservation of Article 6, Sections 389 to 407, " Of the Post Office." After

DEC. 28, TWENTERS DAY .- Mr. Chamberlain, from the Com-

Ittee on the Judiciary, reported adversely to the petition of R Spelden for a night victualling house license. Recommitted, The same gentleman reported a bill to suppress the Hawaiian Mr. Austin from the Select Committee on the public printing

Mr. Kalama, from the Select Committee on the market laws, ORDER OF THE DAY.

The bill for the suppression of the bulk was taken up in Com-

itter of the Whole. There appearing still some defect in the wording of the bill, Mr. Kalama moved to recommit, and made a short speech in which he gave a vivid description of the native hula and its effects among the people. The motion to recommit was carried, and the bill was referred to Messrs. Sheldon, Dowsett and Ka-The House went into Committee on the Civil Code. Sections 38 to 352, " Of the Fire Department of Honolulu

On leave, Mr. Sheldon read a petition from the active member the different fire companies, asking that they be exempt from e tax on the following property: #1 vehicle, 2 horses, 1 dog, at \$1500 worth of property, real or personal-Mr. Chamberlain moved to insert these exemptions in the law. and strongly urged his motion.

He was supported energetically by Messrs. Kaanwaepaa, Ma-nini and Sheldon.

On motion of Mr. Austin, the school tax was stricken out, and deferred until the laws relating to taxes were taken up. ubject, were passed, when the Committee rose and the House DEC. 29, TWENTY-FIRST DAY .- Petition from Kaanapall, Mani

for a Judge for that district. Referred. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Sheldon from the select committee on the subject of hulas presented a draft of a bill for their suppression, as follows: " An act to suppress the Hawalian Hulas,

Sec. 1. That the Hawaiian hulas mentioned in this section are common nuisances. Whoever shull publicly perform the following hulas, viz: Kuole, Pahu, Puniu, Paipu, Palumauma, Kakala-au, Kihelei, Pele, Ulili, Kii, Kilo, Kake, Pela, Alaspapa, Pana, Ami, Pahua, Olapa, and hulas of like nature, whether performed by an individual or by an assembly, shall, on conviction thereof be punished as guilty of a common nuisance. Provided, how-ever, that this act shall not be regarded as prohibiting any Court of the Kingdom from applying the law of common had Sec. 2. This act shall take effect at the expiration of three months from the date of its publication in the Polymerian and Har Harali newspapers."

Ordered for Friday next. By Mr. Kapihe, for an appropriation of \$200 for a Court House

The House went into Committee on the Civil Code, Judge Richardson in the Chair. The consideration of the Post Office Law

letters, was, on motion of Mr. Austin, stricken out.

A select committee was appointed to draft a section to prescribe what shall be considered mailable matter, consisting of Messra. To-morrow being Thanksgiving day, the House adjourned over

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

SIR :- I hope I shall not be supposed to be a carper if I venture to offer a few remarks upon Thanksgiving Day. I believe I am as sensible of benefits received as any other member of the community, but I cannot help Day in December. It is the busy time of the yearperhaps I ought to say the comparatively busy time of the year-and when it is put off till near the end of the month, it comes so near to Christmas and New Year's Days (both kept as holidays) that holidays seem for the time to be "as plentiful as blackberries." In these remarks I have an eye particularly to the three principal business ports, and so far as they are concerned I must say that if their population could be brought into a thankful frame of mind a month or so later, the year having then really expired and time been allowed to take a general review of it, it might perhaps have all the effect simed at, and by not interfering with what little business there is stirring about this time, it might be more generally observed. I confess that as a holiday for the younger portion of those engaged in business the time now usually chosen by his Majesty in Council could not be improved on, for a holiday involves the dea of a cessation of business, and this being about the only time when there is a little business to cease from, or leave undone, it is evident that this is the only time when our young devotees to commerce could realize the idea of a holiday par excellence, seeing that nine months "The calms of life without the storms.

One long and listless holiday,

And I really believe that a busy day somewhere along in July or August would be a real treat to them-a holiday upon a reversed principle. In fact the only way to make them enjoy the dull months, by contrast, is to keep them going during the busy ones. One more remark and I will have done. At this

time of the year the merchants and store-keepers and business men generally are busy with their account books, striking balances, preparing accounts current, sending out bills, and doing every thing else that be-longs to the season. Some of them might wish to observe a day so respectably recommended to their notice, but it may not be in their power to do so, and so there is a reason why the day cannot be generally kept I will subscribe myself with respect,

AN OBSERVER.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] DISTRICT OF KAU, ISLAND OF HAWAII, Dec'r 21, 1858.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

Sir:-It is rarely, owing to the infrequency of the The above company performed at the Royal Hawai- Mail, caused by the depth of the gulches and the indeian Theatre on Thursday evening last, it being for the pendence of the Male Boys, who sometimes stop on the Benefit of Mr. Ellis, their treasurer, but we regret to road and light their pipes with the newspapers they say to rather a thin house. Mr. Pickering with his vi- carry (or rather that is the only way I can account for olincello is a great addition to the company. If we may it), that we get your valuable sheet and the Pacific judge from the laughter which was kept up, the au-Providence, my budget came safe, and as I have always three or four weeks.

been accustomed from childhood to "take the papers," and when I get them read them, I sat myself down on the verdant hills of Hawaii, with the cool breeze blowing on my back from the snow-crowned summit of Mauna Los, and perused their pages. Having, by dint of strict economy, a habit inculcated in me from earliest youth by an honest New England mother, saved from my slender earnings a small sum, which since I have been up here I have, about the month of November, managed to have paid in Honolulu for investment in a whaler's bill at a premium of 10al5 per cent for my dollars, for remittance to my respected parents, I naturally at this time sought the quotation of Exchange, to learn how much my last \$300 had realized, when, to my horror and astonishment, I found whalers' bills at a premium, or about to be, and a threat to export specie if they continued so. Now don't I wish I had that \$300 back to invest in goat skins, hides, fungus, coffee, or even pulu, notwithstanding the fluctuations of the San Francisco market. I might even put it into sugar, but was always opposed to Joint Stock Companies where I could not be President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the whole board of Directors, and a lone \$300 in a sugar plantation wouldn't stand much chance. As in all probability my \$300 has gone to my parents in a whaler's bill at the best market rate of the day, for my instructions were positive to invest at the best rate, on the arrival of the Ochotsk fleet, in a good whaler's bill, from the right parties, they wi'l only realize \$297 63 in Boston, less I per cent for out of town collection in New Bedford, Nantucket or New London, I've set myself to thinking how this awful result

my slender finances has come about, and after mature deliberation I have come to the conclusion, your Merchants in Honolulu and Lahaina, like those in New York and Hamburg last year, have got that terrible "balance of trade" on the wrong side of their ledgersthat they are owing more in the United States and Great Britain than they can find safe channel of remittunce for. The "big bugs" among traders must keep their heads above water, if the "little bugs" do go to the wall. Such a thing as exporting specie! Why, when I was a clerk in Wall st., New York, about '37, when the crash of that year took place, the bare mention of such a thing, even then, would have made "Rome howl and Syracuse shake in its boots." I mean the cities of Rome and Syracuse in the State of New York. Yes, Mr. Editor : I think you must have been over-importing in Honolulu and Labsina, and the recoil reminds me of what a Yankee said of his gun to Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott, U. S. Army. This Yankee had a gun which would revolve sixty times in a minute, throwing from the muzzle each revolution a 24 pound shot. He was praising its powers to the General with considerable volubility of discourse, when the General interrupted him by saying, "that the recoil of such a gun must be tremendous." "Ah, General," said he; "that's just where I've got you, for the beauty of this 'ere gun that the rekile, if anything, is a leetle forrard."

efit of Exchange, I shall study carefully the imports of the past year, or else make up my mind to deposit my dollars in the Mother Bank, old Mrs. Terra. She always discounts liberally and makes good dividends. I notice a suggestion in the "Commercial Advertiser, to put Dimes into circulation, or force them into circulation, by refusing to take the "real plata" Spanish for more than 10c. What a blessing that would be tol the Postmaster General. The franc pieces of 184c. wil then go for only two dimes, and the dollars U. S. currency, be worth a five franc piece and half a dime. Happy day for Hawaii when drinks of good French brandy fall to a dime, and Boston ice 3c. per pound. Nothing new up here in our District. Mauna Kea

and Mauna Loa stand exactly where they did when Capt. James Cook discovered the islands in 17 and-(I have not got my Dictionary of Daw by me)-both of them, however, at present look a little older from their heads being so white. The Volcano has suspended operations for the present. Like a bankrupt, its internal affairs are in a state of liquidation.

BIRTH.

In Honolulu, Dec. 19, the wife of Capt. M. Palmer, of the whaling bark Kingfisher-a daughter.

California, a passenger per "Glimpse." He has resided in New York and Philadelphia. In Honolulu, Dec. 31, from apoplexy, Mr. EDWARD D. CONCE. LIN, late mate of the whaleship "Cincinnati." He was a native

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PORT OF HONOLULU. Arrived.

Dec 24-Haw sch Maria, Molteno, fm Maui 25-Baw sch Excel, Antonio, fin Kauai. 26-Haw sch Kekaufnohi, Marchant, fin Kona. Haw seh Moi, Chadwick, for Lahaina, Haw sch Moiwahine, fra Kauai. Russ whick Grefer Berg, Enberg, 600 tons, 14 mos out, fm Ochotsk, 270 wh, 5000 b this season. 28-Haw sch Keoni Ana, Likeke, fm Kauai,

Haw sch Kincole, Im Koan. 29—Haw sch Molkeiki, Hall, Im Kabului. 31—Am br Josephine, Im Jarvis Island, with guano to the

American Guano Company Cleared. e 94—Haw sch Libeliho, Lovett, fr Labaina and Hilo. 25—Am bis Glimpse, Dayton, fr San Francisco. 27—Brit bk Orestes, Mason, fr Vancouver's Is.

Wh bk Fanny, Boodry, to cruise.
Am clip sh Fortuna, Scudder, fr Hongkong.

29—U.S. sch Fennimere Cooper, Brooke, surveying cruise. Haw sch Kekauluchi, Marchast. fr Kona. Haw sch Keoni Ana, Likeke, fr ports on Kausi, Haw seh Maria, Molteno, fr Lahaina.

Whish Roman, Devoll, cruise and home,

30-Haw sch Moiwahine, fr ports on Kausi.

MEMORANDA.

(c) As the Full shipping season for 1858 may now be considered closed, as far as regards any further arrivals at these Islands, it may be well, perhaps, to sum up, in a few intelligible figures, the season's work. From our Whalemen's List and Marine Journal we compile the following:

	ARRE	VALS.		
#7kence. No. Ochotsk,	Tons, 42,071 25,509 9,284 1,938	Sp. 667 450 137 1,000	W/A. 77,385 34,565 15,359	Bone, 1,910,800 549 200 147,900
218	78,802	9,954	127,300	
219	10,502	My 5178	127,300	1,707,900

The above gives us as the average for the season's work

amonest those that have arrived here (excepting the six purely sperm whalers from Japan), of 606% barrels whale oil, and 8,150 the bone per ship; a little lower than that computed by the Adcertiser, but we have reason to believe correcter. From the different fishing grounds the average stands thus : from Ochotsk 673 bbls; from Arctic 539 bbls; from Kodiak 516 bbls. Last year the season's catch was, exclusive of sperm, 124.460 bbls, but there having been 53 ships less engaged in the fishing, th general average was greater. By referring to the above figures it will be seen that so far from a decrease in the amount caught, here is a positive increase over last year.

We compile partly from the Advertiser, but corrected by us

the following table of the amount of Oil and Bone taken on the N. P. whaling grounds during the summer seasons of the following years, and brought into port at the Hawaiian Islands: 8 12 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 1 1 E S

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198	177	170	9,013		3,337	135,708	1,593,650	830	100
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826	27.5	125	17,247	431,586		337,124	5,307,737	1,944	15,8

Forty-four vessels have left these Islands for home this season, either directly or by way of New Zealand. As our figures do not demonstrate a "decretse" in the quantity of oil caught this season, below that of last year, we do not understand the dreams of the Advertiser about "the influence on the price of oil in America and Europe" which is predicted a a "certain" consequence of a fact that has no existence, an effect without a cause.

THE FERRIMORE COOPER -On Wednesday last the Am. Surveying Schooner Fennimore Cooper, Commander Brooke, left for a cruise among and to northwest of the Islands. We understand that, if the weather is in any manner favorable, she will make a We hope that another edition of Lt. Maury's "Geography of the
Sea" will be enriched by the observation of another edition of Sea" will be enriched by the observation of another edition of the Sea" will be enriched by the observation of another edition of the Sea" will be enriched by the observation of another edition of the Sea" will be enriched by the observation of the Sea and Sea" will be enriched by the observations of so able a collaboradience must have been highly pleased with the performhappened through the instrumentality of an overruling ances.

The schooner is expected back in Providence, my budget came safe, and as I have always three or four weeks.

Am ah Montezuma, Homan
bk Italy, — Am ah South Seaman, Nortea
bk Manuel Ortez, Harard sh Cincinnati, Williams sh Condor, Whiteside sh Nimrod, Howes Fr sh Ville de Rennes, Lejuedoi sh Delaware, Kenworthy Fr sh Espadon, Homont Am bk Merrimac. --Russ bk Turku, Soderblom Acid, bx 1; agricult impl. pkgs 6; alcohol, bf bbls 2; da, cs 10; alc, cs 25; anchor (kedge) 1; asb, ft 1069; axes, (madd) bdls 25; bags, bales 8; beams, bdfs 3; beef, bbls 200; beawax, cs 1; boker's bitters, cs 10; blankets, bales 3; boards, ps 3184; boards nest 1; boat davits 12, books, bxs 2; boots & shoes, cs. trunks, 2; bottles, cs 15; bread, csks 180; do, bbts 35 breast hook, 7s 2; brogans, cs 5; buckets, cs 16; do, (e buriap, ble 1; Cambooses 5; caps & hooks, bas 2; chain 1 cs 64; chaik, bbis 4; champagne, bats 20; charcoal irons che se, cs 6; cider, cs 100; clapboards, bdia 5 s; clar

I think next year, before I remit to Honolulu for ben-

FROM and atter this date JAMES M. GREEN Honolulu, January 1, 1859.

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VESSELS IN PORT .- DECEMBER 31

(Coasters not inciviled.)

1 man-of-war, 4 merchantmen, 30 whalers-total, 35

IMPORTS AT HONOLULE.

Per Clipper Ship Syren, Dec. 23.

clothing, cs 19; cloves, bale 1; coal (Cumberland) cks 41

age, pigs 491; corn starch, bas 10; crackers, cs 21; curs kgs 10; cu-hions, cs 4; denims, bles 10; domestics, do 10; do

eled cloth, cs 4. engine 1; flannel, cs 1; floor, cks 25;

250; do, bxs 18; frames 4; glass, bxs 6; grindstones i?

bags, bdls 36; hair, cs l; hams, chs 14; handearts 9;

pikes, bdis 2; handles, do 2; hardware, bxs 2; hars, cs 5

(paim leaf) es 5; beads, cks 15; de, hf bbls 52; herring, bbl

do sheets 13; kaolin, bbls 16; lance poles 250; lathe,

hickory, ft 165; hoes and rakes, bills 2; hoop from, do so; do 1; hops, bales 6%; from (ref) bills 16; from, bills 24; do

2; lines, cks 10; maccaroni, qr bxs 2; mackerel, kits 30; m bales 4; meats, cs 79; metal, cs 20; metze, pkgs E02; nails

178; do, kegs 10; Norway shapes, bis 21; nutmegs, keg 1, m 180; do, bdls 31; oil, cs 4; do (olive) bkts 10; pails, doz 10; pai

6; pickets, M 26; pictures, by I; pimento, bugs 2; pepper, co pipe, pes 2; pipes, hf bys 6; pitch, bbls 60; pine stick I, pla (oak) ft 12,320; plank, ft, 2473; plaws 15, pork, bbls 202 per

cs 25; prines, cs 2; pumps 15; punching machines 4; rais 10; reels 2; rice, bbls 26; do, bf do 20; rigging, bdl 1; rive

s 20; sago, cs 3; saleratus, cs, 11; salt, bbls 200; do, rs 1

bbis 16; saw 4 frame 1; sardines, cs 5; settees, it 145; sewi machines, bxs 9; sheeting, bales 5; do. cs 6; shingles, 11 [2]

shooks, t dls 259; shot, cs I; shovels, bdls 2; snaps, cs i; s bxs 70; do, qr do 100; soda ash, bbls 3; spikes, css 15; stat

ery, es 6; staves, bdls 131; spices, b xs 8; spikes, cas 6; spik legs 150; stoves 10; sugar (ref) bbls 5; do do bt do 10; do

10; twine, bales 12; does 5; ticking, bales 3; trunts [0]; nests 15; turpentine, cs 1; varnish, bbls 3; vegetables; cs5

bx 1; sugar, bbls 113; do ht do 10; do ht bxs 50; tar, bbls 20; ta bacco, cs 24; do bxs 63; do ht do 20; tongues & sounds, if kin

egar, bbls 5; do ht do 25; washing machines 4; wax, cs i; we

; windlass piece 1; wire, bdls 51; woodware, cs 1; yeast po der, pkg 1; yellow metal, cs 1; zinc paint, kegs 4;

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE firm of R. Condy & Co. will, in accord-

The shipping and commission business will be carried on by P.

Notice.

P. S. WILCOX, F. L. HANKS

C. A. WILLIAMS & CO.

ting, roll I; whaleboats 9; wheel I; wicking, bale I; wickspigs

; do, bx 1; rods, bdls 30; rope, coils 10

341; lead, kgs 111; do (sheat) rolls 2; do/do.) by 1- te

(brass) 2; codfish, bxs 30; do, qr bxs 10; codorus, bbls 50, cor

ales, ht bbis 25; drum 1; duck, bales 49; do, bolts 50; ena

sh Elisa Adams, Thomas sh Empire, Russell

sh Carolina, Harding sh Splendid, Pierson

sh arctic, Phillips bk Brighton, Tucker

bk Vernon Haw bk Gambia, -

Am bk Warrelet, Swain sh Sharon,

bk Harmony

"E Clampsus V. !" MOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

next Regular Meeting of this Order will be held on next Monday Evening, Jan. J. at 8 o'clock, at the Hall, over Dr. McKibbin's Drug Store, on Queen street. Resident and trinsient Brothers are respectfully invited to attend.

CALIFORNIA, Gunyaquil and assorted FELT HATS, and Ladies' Riding Hats, for sale by 27-4f ROBERT C. JANION.

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WHITE BLANKETS, Black Alpaceas, V Figured Alpaccas and Blue Twilled Flannel, just me ceived and for sale by (27-ti) ROBERT C. JANION.

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EMPIRE OF FRANCE!

N THE NAME OF THE EMPEROR, and in I conformity with his orders, transmitted to us by his Ex-cellency the Minister of the Navy, we, the undersigned, Victor to Coat de Kerveguen, Lieutenant, Commissioner of the Gov-ernment of the Emperor of the French, do hereby proclaim and declare that from this day the full Sovereig sty of Clipperton Island, satuated by 10 deg. 19 min. latitude North, and lik deg. 33 min. longitude West, meridian of Paris, belongs to ills Majesty the Emperor Napoleon III, his heirs and successors in perpetuity.

Given under our Seal on board the merchant ship "Amiral,"

he 17th day of November, 1858. The Lieutenant, Commissioner of the Government, 33-If (Signed) V. LE COAT DE KERVEGUEN. SAILED from Liverpool last Month!! !-A Clipper Ship for Honolulu, with a splendid assortment Goods, expressly selected for this market, including Enge

tish Fancy Prints, and the sual staples. To be followed by regular supplies by ships touching here bound to Victoria, V. I. 27-tf ROBERT C. JANION. 100 TONS STEAM COAL, Blacksmith's Coal, Fire Bricks, Sugar Mills, Liverpool Pickling Sale, Dairy

Salt, Packing Salt, for sale by FOR SALE LOW!

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Manila Rope, 11. 21, 3 and 31 inch,

Bults Cotton Buck, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,

33 kegs assorted Cur Nails, Cases Paints, comprising Prussian Blue, Chrome Green, do Yellow, White Lead, Boiled Oil, Spirits Turpentine, No 4 Roger Williams' Ste

Bales Hops, bbls Galego Flour, Boxes Raisins, kegs do, Bbls Whiskey, 10, 6 and 2 gallon kegs do, Octave casks "Revierre" Brandy, Octave casks "Revierre do do do Cognac do Go Cognac do Rales Brown Drills, half bbla flide Poison, cases Loaf Sugar, † bbis crushed Sugar. J. C. SPALDING. DAMANTINE CANDLES, English Soap, Eng.

A lish Graceries, Perfamery, Clothes Brushes, Maiches Sausage Machines, for sale by ROBERT C. JANION.

BOTTLED ALE & PORTER, of Bass', Allsop's, Marzetti's and Barchay & Perkins' brands, just received per "Portefia," from Liverpool, and for sale by 27-tf ROBERT C. JANION.

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